at least one metalled road as a continuation of the present Pallivirutti Municipal road right through Kumbalanghi up to the limits of Cochin State in Chellanam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is not possible now to open the road, as it involves the construction of a costly bridge which the present finances of the State do not permit. The Panchayat Department will be directed to open earthen roads in the villages as funds permit.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.— Whether the Government can at least extend the Pallivirutti road up to the southernmost limits of Pallivirutti is my question, and the statement is that there is the question of constructing a big bridge which the Government is not at present in a position to do.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That will be considered.

The number of culverts in the Cranganur Taluk.

346. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of culverts constructed by Government in the Cranganur Taluk in the year 1100? Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that those culverts do not serve any drainage purposes? If not, will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Seven culverts were constructed. Government understand that they do serve the intended purpose.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—As I am in a position to assure you, Sir, that 4 of these culverts do not serve their purpose, will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter during the winter season? I do not know whose fault it is. But the result is that water is collecting round these culverts and the surrounding places so that there is no proper drainage. Some petitions have been submitted to the Deputy Tahsildar there regarding this matter, but I do not know the fate of these petitions.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Which are these four culverts?

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—One in front of the public offices, one just to the west of it, a third to the south-west of it and a fourth at the southern end of the Sringapuram Bazaar. As I understand, the difficulty arose this way. The culverts and places for locating them were planned during the summer season, and it was not possible to know how they would fare during the

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winter; and the present Overseer who experienced the difficulty was not the gentleman who planned them in the summer. What we should do is to watch their working during the winter season, and if they do not serve any useful purpose, to remove the culverts and place them in other places where there is scope for free proper drainage, so that this is my supplementary question. Will not the Government be pleased to watch their working?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—But our information is that they are functioning properly.

President.—The matter shall be taken notice of and investigated, and then, if there is no necessity for these culverts, they may be removed.

The construction of a dam near Thannikkudam for irrigation purposes.

347. Mr. Lonappan Chakkola.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) whether survey operations are now being carried on with a view to construct a dam in the forest tracts near Thannikkudam in the Trichur Taluk for storing water for irrigation purposes;

(2) whether it is also intended to utilise the storage of water referred to in (1) for producing electricity; and

(3) whether the Government has passed orders sanctioning survey operations referred to in (1)?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes, if found possible.

(3) Yes.

The Adirappalli Hydro-Electric Scheme and the Nemmara Irrigation Scheme.

348. Mr Lonappan Chakkola.—Will the Government be pleased to state i) whether the Government has abandoned the following schemes:—

(a) the Adirappalli Hydro-Electric Scheme,

(b) the Nemmara Irrigation Scheme;

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